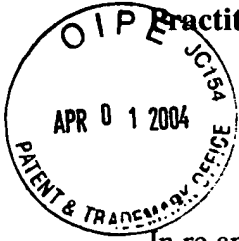


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2003, enclosed is a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and payment of fee. Please amend the above-described application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.